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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE REGISTRATION CONVENTION PROCEDURES

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT OF THE PROCEDURES HE WILL FOLLOW IN MAINTAINING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF ORBITING VEHICLES REQUIRED BY THE REGISTRATION CONVENTION, WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE 15 SEPTEMBER. A NEW SERIES OF NATIONAL SUBMISSIONS TO BE DESIGNATED ST/GS/SER.E/INF WILL REPLACE THE OLD A/AC.105.INF SERIES FOR DATA TRANSMITTED BY COUNTRIES WHICH, AS THE UNITED STATES, HAVE RATIFIED THE CONVENTION. THE SYG'S CURRENT NOTE IS THE FIRST IN THE NEW SERIES. (NON-RATIFIER SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONTINUED UNDER THE OLD DESIGNATOR.)

2. THE UN HAS ALSO PUBLISHED, AS THE SECOND DOCUMENT OF THE NEW SERIES, A NOTE WHICH STATES THAT CANADA HAS ESTABLISHED THE NATIONAL REGISTRY PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE II OF THE CONVENTION, WHICH WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF CANADA'S INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPACE.

3. THE UN SYG'S NOTE READS:

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGISTER UNDER THE CONVENTION ON
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REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. HAVING RECEIVED THE NECESSARY RATIFICATIONS THE CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE CAME INTO FORCE ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1976. 1/

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III OF THE CONVENTION, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ESTABLISHED A REGISTER IN WHICH INFORMATION FURNISHED UNDER THE CONVENTION SHALL BE RECORDED. THE REGISTER WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS. THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE CONVENTION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EACH CASE AS A DOCUMENT IN A NEW SERIES OF UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS UNDER THE SYMBOL ST/SG/SER.3/---. 2/

3. INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED UNDER THE CONVENTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE REGISTER IS PROVIDED IN ARTICLES IV AND V OF THE CONVENTION WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE IV

1. EACH STATE OF REGISTRY SHALL FURNISH TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH SPACE OBJECT CARRIED ON ITS REGISTRY:

(A) NAME OF LAUNCHING STATE OR STATES;

(B) AN APPROPRIATE DESIGNATOR OF THE SPACE OBJECT OR ITS REGISTRATION NUMBER;

(C) DATE AND TERRITORY OR LOCATION OF LAUNCH;

(D) BASIC ORBITAL PARAMETERS, INCLUDING:

(I) NODAL PERIOD,

(II) INCLINATION,

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(III) APOGEE, AND

(IV) PERIGEE;

(E) GENERAL FUNCTION OF THE SPACE OBJECT.

2. EACH STATE OF REGISTRY MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, PROVIDE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION CONCERNING A SPACE OBJECT CARRIED ON ITS REGISTRY.

3. EACH STATE OF REGISTRY SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE AND AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, OF SPACE OBJECTS CONCERNING WHICH IT HAS PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED INFORMATION, AND WHICH HAVE BEEN BUT NO LONGER ARE IN EARTH ORBIT.

ARTICLE V

WHENEVER A SPACE OBJECT LAUNCHED INTO EARTH ORBIT OR BEYOND IS MARKED WITH THE DESIGNATOR OR REGISTRATION NUMBER REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE IV (1) (B), OR BOTH, THE STATE OF REGISTRY SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THIS FACT WHEN SUBMITTING THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SPACE OBJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV. IN SUCH CASE, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHALL RECORD THIS NOTIFICATION IN THE REGISTER.

1/ FOR THE TEXT OF THE CONVENTION SEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3235 (XXIX) OF 12 NOVEMBER 1974; THE CONVENTION WILL BE REPRODUCED IN THE UNITED NATIONS TREATY SERIES.

2/ INFORMATION FURNISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1721 B (XVI) BY STATES LAUNCHING OBJECTS INTO ORBIT OR BEYOND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED AS DOCUMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, AS AT PRESENT UNDER THE DOCUMENT SERIES A/AC.105/INF.---.

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4. THE CANADIAN NOTE READS:

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INFORMATION FURNISHED UNDER THE CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

NOTE VERBALE DATED 24 AUGUST 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE PLEASURE TO INFORM HIM THAT CANADA HAS ESTABLISHED THE REGISTRY PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE II OF THE CONVENTION ON THE REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE. THE REGISTRY WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF CANADA'S INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPACE.

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